Rate of interest on EPF

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to offer different rates of interest to workers on Employees' Provident Fund with different EPF deposits, the rate being higher for lower deposits below a certain level,

(b) if so, the details of the new scheme, and

(c) what is the reaction of different national labour unions thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise, in view of (a) above

Growth rate of unemployment

2477 SHRI MATILAL SARKAR Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the growth rate of unemployment is lesser than the growth rate of population in the country

(b) whether it is also a fact that the percentage of the landless is on the increase from year to year; if so, the percentage-wise details thereof;

(c) the effective measures contemplated by Government to contain the problem of unemployment and those of the landless persons?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) (a) As per the estimates available from employment and unemployment surveys of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), unemployment rate during 1993-94 and 1999-2000 was around 1 90% and 2 23% respectively. As per the Census 2001, growth rate of population during 1991-2001 was around 2 13% per annum